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On July 13th, at Essen-Ruhr, ROBERT WEBER of Shanghai and M. Gladbach to IRMA, daughter of Prof. E. MIDDILL, Essen-Ruhr.

On July 16th, 1912, at Fochow, the Rev. ALFRED BILLS, C.M.G., Kienning, Fukien, to SUSAN MACCOMSON, youngest daughter of ANTHONY T. and Mrs. JACKSON, Belfast, Ireland.

## DEATH.

On July 15th, at Shanghai, STEPHEN PORTER, Maritime Customs, aged 32 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 20TH, 1912

The approaching completion of the Panama Canal is receiving the attention of publicists, and one of the latest to attempt to raise the veil and to give us a peep into the future is Mr. FRANK FOX, a young Australian writer, whose book entitled "Problems of the Pacific" is published by Messrs. WILLIAMS & NORGATE. This is not Mr. Fox's first essay in the domain of literature. He is the author of "Ramparts of Empire," and for a time he contributed articles on Colonial and Imperial subjects in the London Press. He writes with great force and clearness, and compels attention by his originality of phrase. He has the outspokenness of the Colonial who has lived in open spaces, and thus escaped the enervating effects of the cramping environment which too often influences London suburban book-makers when they attempt to deal with questions of Imperial interest. Mr. Fox compels attention, as we have already said, and we cannot forget his intrusion into a debate at the Imperial Press Conference in 1909, when he refused to allow himself to be called down by the accredited spokesmen of the Australian Press. When the Chairman for the day asked for the name of the youthful-looking debater, his breezy reply was: "FRANK FOX, FRANK FOX of Sydney," and the Conference had to listen to his racy speech

which was infinitely more to the point than many of the speeches of the pundits sent over to represent Australia officially. The clear cut phrase of that day and the sound commonsense of the speaker are to be found in "Problems of the Pacific." Mr. Fox has studied his subject closely, yet he does not overlay his arguments with laboured facts. He seizes upon salient features, discusses the most reasonable probabilities, advances the most cogent arguments in favour of what he conceives the best solution of a given problem. Mr. Fox puts in a nutshell his conception of the Pacific. Starting off with the proposition that the Pacific is the ocean of the future, he proceeds to say: "On the bosom of the Pacific will be decided, in peace or in war, the next great struggle of civilisation which will give as its prize the Supremacy of the World. Shall it go to the White Race or the Yellow Race? If to the White Race, will it be under the British Flag, or the Flag of the United States, or of some other nation? That is the problem of the Pacific." Mr. Fox is not the first one to assert the new importance of the Pacific, nor the first to consider the part our Colony of Hongkong is likely to play in the higher politics of the future. Seventeen years ago, our local historian, Dr. ERTEL, wrote: "The fulcrum of the World's balance of power has shifted from the West to the East, from the Mediterranean to the Pacific. . . . What the Mediterranean and Atlantic were while civilisation moved from East to West, the Pacific is bound to become now since the tide of progress runs from West to East. It requires no prophet's gift to see that the politics of the near future centre in the East and that the problems of the Far East will be solved on the Pacific main. Contests will be sure to arise, and in these contests Hongkong will be one of the stations most important for the general strength of the British Empire. Here, even more than in its bearing upon the Asiatic problem, lies the real importance of Hongkong, such is the position of this Colony in relation to the destinies of the Far East. Hongkong will yet have a prominent place in the future history of the British Empire." Dr. ERTL was more truly a prophet than he claimed to be, and the truth of his words has occurred more than once to us during the past decade. Mr. Fox has probably never read or heard of Dr. ERTL's History of Hongkong, but, in effect, his "Problems of the Pacific" is nothing more or less than an elaboration of the idea contained in the preface of Dr. ERTL's book. Of course, on broader and more Imperialistic lines, for Dr. ERTL was more exclusively dealing with the future of the Colony in which he had lived and worked for so many years. Mr. Fox considers, one after another, the various countries having commercial and political interests in the Pacific. One by one, he eliminates those which he considers to have no serious pretensions there. This is a dangerous method, but it serves his purpose. For instance, he excludes France and Germany, and, in fact, all the European Powers but Russia and Great Britain—Russia because of her Asiatic possessions, Great Britain because of her Indian Empire and the great self-governing Colonies of Canada and Australasia. The Crown Colonies of the Straits Settlements and Hongkong are frequently brought into his limelight because of their strategic importance in any offensive or defensive plan of campaign, and we put them out of further consideration with the passing remark that we notice Mr. Fox gives pride of place to Singapore as a strategic base. By his process of elimination, he reduces the number of Powers interested in the future of the Pacific to five—Russia, China, Japan, the United States and Great Britain. For reasons that must be obvious, he speedily rubs out Russia. Her naval weakness, he considers, cannot be remedied in time to give her an effective voice before other Powers have established an overwhelming predominance. China, at present a negligible quantity, may conceivably become the greatest single force in the Pacific; almost certainly it may be reckoned on to take the place of Japan as the chief Asiatic factor. The result of his examination of Japanese pretensions is that Japan must be led by her destiny, to attempt to gain supremacy of the Pacific, but is doomed to failure. This leaves Great Britain and the United States as the two chief protagonists, and he states, what most of our readers will readily accept as a fair assumption, that an alliance of these Powers would settle in the best way the problem of the Pacific. Together, they would prevent the predominance of the Yellow Races, and, after a close examination of the whole question from political, industrial, commercial and racial points of view, he contends that the White Races, wherever established in their own territory, such as in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States,

must resist the intrusion as settlers of men of the Yellow Races, if for no other reason than self-defence, to prevent submergence by mere preponderance, for the more highly civilised races have ceased to fill the "cradles" and cannot compete in this respect with the Chinese and Japanese.

We do not propose to discuss in detail the various arguments adduced by Mr. Fox. Our readers must go to his book, which they will find intensely interesting and provocative of thought. But we wish to single out for passing comment the conclusion he arrives at that there must be inevitably a contest between Great Britain and her Dominions beyond the seas on the one hand, and the United States on the other. He warns the British people against assuming that community of language must lead to community of political ambition. He professes to see in America's acquisition of the Philippines and the Hawaiian group, the establishment, more or less, with perhaps an ulterior object, of her predominance in Cuba, and her efforts to lease the Galapagos Islands from Ecuador, a well-thought-out policy by past and present statesmen of the United States to preserve the free passage of American naval vessels through the Panama Canal and the establishment of American predominance in the Pacific. We do not think this is correct. But we are willing to accept Mr. Fox's conjectures that the fact that the United States are so well served with strategic outposts is all in their favour, and that if Great Britain were free from European entanglements it would be a moot point which of the Powers could obtain the mastery of the Pacific. A struggle between the Powers for this predominance in the face of an Asiatic Power waiting to take advantage of their weakness would be a lamentable calamity. We are more optimistic than Mr. Fox that both Powers can exist side by side without being forced to resort to warfare. If there is to be a struggle at all, it is more likely to arise between the Yellow Race and the White Race, for the Chinese and Japanese already chafe under the restrictions imposed by the United States and in British dominions and are likely to resent this policy of exclusion and to retaliate as soon as they believe themselves strong enough. If they do, then there is at once a serious menace to the peace of the Pacific, and it will become a serious problem for the statesmen of the White Races how to withstand the inevitable onslaught of the hordes of Eastern Asia. Long ago, we welcomed the presence of the United States in the Philippines as bringing a steadying factor into the future politics of the Pacific. We still hold to the opinion that the American pretensions in the Pacific are more likely to be favourable to British territory on the Pacific littoral. The Panama Canal will undoubtedly add to the mobility and effectiveness of the United States Navy, and will give that Power the ability to enforce her views on nations of the Pacific littoral; and we are sanguine enough to hope, in spite of Mr. Fox's views, that the Anglo-Celtic races must arrive at a condominium which will enable them to check Asiatic aggression and conquest and preserve peace within the Pacific basin. There is going to be turmoil, and Hongkong will be within the danger zone; but we have a calm confidence in the thought that the historian who elects to continue Dr. ERTL's history of our Colony will be able to record with telling phrase how the Union Jack was kept flying "in face of fearful odds" and to the honour and glory of our race.

The typhoon signals were hoisted last evening indicating a typhoon beyond the 300 mile radius. It was S.E. of the Colony.

Bishop Oldham, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Malaya, is not returning to the Mission field, having been promoted Missionary Secretary in America.

A Chinese, for gathering roots and herbs from a Government plantation near Aberdeen, was at the Magistracy yesterday fined \$5. He said he wanted them to make medicine.

The Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., have declared a dividend of 15s. per share for the half-year ended 30th June, 1912, which will be payable on Friday, the 26th July, 1912, at exchange 2/8-9-8.

Mr. Bliss Knapp, who is to lecture on Christian Science at the City Hall on Tuesday, reached the Colony by the P. and O. steamer Nile yesterday. From here Mr. Knapp goes at the end of next week to Manila, en route to Australia.

A European lady, resident in Kowloon, had her bedroom, which is on the ground floor and easy of access, entered by a burglar on Thursday night. He took away a jewel box containing over 20 articles of jewellery, the value being \$1,000.

Mr. G. A. Woodcock at the Magistracy yesterday prosecuted a ricksha coolie for refusing to accept hire. The defendant pleaded guilty and said that he was young and tired: he had been running all day. Mr. Woodcock said the defendant immediately took another fare. A fine of two dollars was imposed.

The *Dunottar Castle* will leave England for a cruise to the Far East about the middle of October, and will be away until March 1st. The cruise embraces China, Japan, and India. Lord Lyvedon, who went on the cruise in connection with the Durbar as director-in-charge, will go in a similar capacity on this occasion.

Very seldom is a Chinese seen at the Magistracy on a charge of being drunk. One man who appeared before Mr. Melbourne on this charge yesterday was said to have been running about Des Vœux Road in the early hours of yesterday morning with no clothing and was arrested by a Chinese constable. A fine of three dollars was imposed.

At the Supreme Court yesterday when a certain case was called before Mr. Justice Gompertz Mr. Jackson said he appeared for the defendant, whereupon Mr. Leo d'Almada declared that he also appeared for the defendant. Mr. Jackson said there seemed to be a slight difference as to whom they represented. His Lordship—Well, I will give you a week to think over it.

Philip B. Dankey, a former Manila and Shanghai newspaperman, but of recent years residing in Honolulu, has fallen heir to an immense fortune. An uncle, Frank S. Alling, a Tacoma millionaire, died recently, leaving millions in money and property, but leaving no will. Mr. Dankey, being the sole surviving heir, has petitioned the supreme court of the state of Washington for the administration of the estate.

Sir Everard Fraser, British Consul-General at Shanghai, presented the Royal Humane Society's medal to Mr. D. Palmer, second officer of the China Merchants s.s. *Heinrich* for gallantry displayed on the occasion of the wreck of the *Meifoo*. Palmer, it will be remembered, saved the life of his chief officer when the boat was wrecked. The officer fell into the sea, and would have been drowned, but for the timely assistance of Palmer, who, without discarding his clothes, lived in after him and brought him to safety.

Three Indians, one of whom was a soldier and one a Naval Yard policeman, were brought before Mr. Irving at the Magistracy yesterday charged with attempting to murder another Indian at Kowloon. It was alleged that the three men set upon the complainant and beat him with bamboo, afterwards stealing his watch, \$15 in money and his turban. His Worship said he was not satisfied with the evidence, and the charge of attempted murder was dismissed. He allowed the complainant to prefer a charge of common assault. The case was then remanded.

## THE MORPHINE CASE.

At the Magistracy yesterday, Mr. Melbourne gave his decision in the case in which a Chinese was arrested on a charge of having been in unlawful possession of 15 pounds of morphine. Mr. Lewis, who had appeared for the defendant, had contended that the morphine was in the custody of the accused, but it was not in his possession. His Worship said he had read the authorities quoted by Mr. Lewis, but in view of the terms of the Ordinance he adhered to his previous decision. Half of the fine he intimated would go to the informer.

## THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

The Bandmann Opera Company after a successful season in the North made a welcome return to Hongkong yesterday and opened a short season in the Theatre Royal with "The Merry Widow." Though the weather was not conducive to the enjoyment of indoor entertainments, there was a good attendance, and the company made the most of their opportunities in this ever popular opera. To-night they play "The Belle of New York."

## BANKERS AND BILL BROKERS.

In the King's Bench Division, before Mr. Justice Hamilton, sitting as Commercial Judge, last month, an important point was decided in the claims of Lloyd's Bank, Limited, and the Union of London and Smith's Bank (Limited) against the Swiss Bankverein, on the practice or usage on which bankers rely, that in handing over securities in exchange for bill brokers' cheques they retain constructive possession on the same until such cheques are duly honoured. His Lordship held that the cheques were not impressed with a trust of such a kind, and gave judgment for the defendants with costs.

## TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

## THE CONSPIRACY TRIAL AT SEOUL.

[SENATIONAL TURN.]

TOKYO, July 19th.  
A sensational turn has been given to the trial of 123 Koreans at Seoul on charges of conspiracy. The trial has been suspended on the protest of counsel in consequence of the judge refusing to call evidence for the defence.

## PRINCE KATSURA.

Tokyo, July 19th.

Elaborate military precautions are being taken for the protection of Prince Katsura while travelling on the Siberian Railway.

## RUSSO-JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING.

Tokyo, July 19th.

There is widespread belief that a Russo-Japanese Alliance is pending.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

ENTENTE ESTABLISHED.

LONDON, July 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo states that the report of a contemplated alliance between Russia and Japan is incorrect. There have been no negotiations for such a purpose and none are projected, while Prince Katsura's tour is not connected with any specific development.

Important Notes, however, have been exchanged supplementing the Agreements of 1907 and 1910 with the object of defining respective spheres of interest, Russia in Outer Mongolia and Northern Manchuria, and Japan in Inner Mongolia and Southern Manchuria, Inner Mongolia meaning the portion of Manchuria formerly so-called.

The negotiations have resulted in the clearest understanding. The *entente* is of the greatest importance for the preservation of peace in the Far East, second only in importance to the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

## BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

LONDON, July 19th.

The supplementary naval estimates are published. They will be debated in the House of Commons on the 22nd instant. The total is £980,000, of which £296,000 is for construction, £315,000 for machinery, £54,000 for guns, £97,000 for ammunition, £20,000 for accommodation for airships, and the rest for re-victualling, etc., and to provide 1,500 men. There is no explanatory statement appended, and nothing to indicate the nature of the additional construction.

## PANAMA CANAL DUES.

BRITISH PROTEST FORMALLY PRESENTED.

LONDON, July 19th.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington telegraphs that the British Charge d'Affaires has now presented a formal Note against the Panama Canal Bill. President Taft is expected to send a special message to Congress on the subject. The debate hitherto has been regarded as indicating a probability of acquiescence in the British contention.

A message from Melbourne states that the Commonwealth representatives have passed unanimously a resolution supporting the British protest.

## SUFFRAGETTE ATTACKS HOME SECRETARY.

LONDON, July 19th.

Mr. McKenna, after laying the foundation stone of a training college at Caerleon was seized from behind by a suffragette and violently shaken. His assailant was arrested.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, July 19th.

Mr. J. Chamberlain has written a letter to Hon. Mr. Wyndham, M.P., stating that he would be glad if the Birthday Fund helps Tariff Reform, the most important movement in our time.

## THE FINANCE BILL.

LONDON, July 19.

The House of Commons passed the second reading of the Finance Bill by 298 votes to 221.

## [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## TURKEY AND ITALY.

CANNONADING AT THE DARDANELLES.

LONDON, July 19th.  
A message from the Dardanelles states that at four o'clock this morning cannonading was proceeding at the Kumkaleh entrance to the Straits.

## TURKISH POLITICS.

LONDON, July 19.

The situation in Turkey is complex and confusing. It is hoped that Tewfik Pasha will form a neutral Cabinet excluding members of the Committee of Union and Progress, with a view to conciliating Albania and Macedonia, but no attempt will be made to repress the Committee's organisation, which is still very strong.

## MR. ASQUITH IN DUBLIN.

MORE SUFFRAGIST OUTRAGES.

LONDON, July 19.

Mr. Asquith had an enthusiastic reception at Dublin.

Addressing the crowd, he said he was the ambassador of the treaty for perpetual peace between Ireland and Great Britain.

A suffragette threw a hatchet, which missed the carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Asquith and Mr. Redmond in Princes Street.

Two suffragettes at a performance in the Theatre Royal, where Mr. Asquith speaks to-night, threw a blazing oil-soaked chair towards the orchestra, and fired the curtains of a box. One escaped and the other was arrested. The flames were extinguished, and the audience, which was inclined to be panicky, was calmed.

Addressing the crowd from the balcony of his hotel, Mr. Asquith pointed out that this was the first occasion since the Union that the Premier had visited Ireland.

## THE DOCKERS STRIKE.

LONDON, July 19th.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne telegraphs that the London Strike Committee has cabled to the Federal Labourites asking for Australian assistance.

## LIMITING PARLIAMENTARY SPEECHES.

LONDON, July 19.

A message from Melbourne states that the House of Representatives has passed a motion limiting speeches to 65 minutes the limit being extended in special cases to 95 minutes.

## THE PRIZE RING.

LONDON, July 19th.

A message from New York states that Wells knocked out Tom Kennedy in the eighth round.

## THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

LONDON, July 19.

The rowing for eights was continued on Thursday, when New College (Oxford) beat Stockholm and Leander beat Australia after a splendid struggle. A great race is expected between New College and Leander.

## THE TURF.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.

LONDON, July 19th.

The following are the probable starters and jockeys in the Eclipse Stakes run at Sandown Park to-day:—

Horse.	Jockey.	Weight.
Stedfast	Maher	10 lb.
Prince Palatine	O'Neill	10 0
Lycan	F. Wootton	10 0
King William	Rickaby	9 11
La Bohème II.	Sharp	9 1
Tagalie	Riess	8 13
John Amendall	Earl	8 10
Silesia	Foy	8 3

## WEIGHT FOR STEWARDS' CUP.

The following are the weights for the Stewards' Cup to be run at Goodwood on July 30th:—

Novelty III.	9.10;	Spanish Prince.	9.10;
Great Surprise.	9.9;	Sunflower II.	9.3;
Hannymeda.	8.13;	Golden Rod.	8.13;
Malsud.	8.11;	Iron Mask II.	8.10;
Borrow.	8.10;	Sunningdale.	8.10;
Beaurepaire.	8.7;	Abard.	8.7;
Granton.	8.4;	Basili.	8.4;
Frederick Jack.	8.3;	Ball Cross.	8.1;
Poor Boy.	8.3;	Palkorrie.	8.1;
Prince San.	8.1;	Minhead.	8.0;
Thaddeus.	8.0;	Bachelor's Tax.	8.0;
Castleton.	7.13;	Tangara.	7.12;
Quorum.	7.12;	Bannockburn.	7.12;
Melody.	7.12;	Short Grass.	7.12;
Aiglon.	7.12;	Serenader.	7.11;
Jarnac II.	7.11;	Lavolt.	7.10;
Jessica.	7.10;	Simon.	7.10;
Highway-side.	7.10;	Cataract.	7.7;
Uncle Pat.	7.7;	Mediator.	7.5;
Feramos.	7.5;	Canonite.	7.5;
Master Hopson.	7.4;	Matinee.	7.2;
Zebre.	7.2;	G.P.	7.1;
Peggydall.	7.1;	Quantock.	7.0;
Silesia.	7.0;	Sir Max.	6.8;
Flanders.	6.7;	Grayling IV.	6.3;
Reclame.	6.2;	Barney.	6.0;
Sancie.	6.0;	Miss Law.	6.0.



## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, July 19th.  
IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE HON. MR. W. REES DAVIES, K.C.

## THE POKFULUM MURDER.

The trial was continued of the three Chinese charged with the murder of a compatriot in a house in Pokfulam Road. The case for the Crown was completed, and the defence was opened. The defence was that the first prisoner met the others on the occasion in question and though he knew the errand on which they had set out he accompanied them, but only for a little way and then he left them. The defence of the second prisoner was that he went to the house to collect money from the deceased's brother which the latter had borrowed from him while they were together with the revolutionary army in the North. The third man declared that he was never near the place. The hearing was again adjourned.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. COMPERTZ  
(PUNISH JUDGE).

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Chu Kwai, charged with highway robbery near Hungshom on the 13th June, pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. Harold Seth (foreman), C. C. Stark, H. W. Page, T. Shand, J. R. Lee, A. E. Paine, and A. W. Smith.

Mr. Potter, instructed by Mr. J. H. Kemp, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown, prisoner being undefended.

It appeared that the prisoner with others had decoyed a Chinese woman from her house to come and see a sick child. They attacked her and robbed her of jewellery to the value of \$80.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

## ARMED ROBBERY.

Ho Wing and Chan Yau pleaded guilty to having committed an armed robbery at 108, Des Vaux Road West on the 5th instant and robbed a woman of clothing and money to the value of \$600.

Mr. Potter stated that the two men called at the house and finding that the woman's husband was not at home they bound and gagged her. However, an Indian watchman heard the disturbance, and ran to the house, meeting the two men coming downstairs. Though they were armed with knives he tackled them single-handed and captured them and recovered the property.

His Lordship—Is he a private watchman?

Mr. Potter—Yes.

His Lordship—Call the watchman, Khata Singh.

When the watchman came forward, his Lordship said to the interpreter—Tell him that the learned counsel for the Crown has informed the Court how courageously he behaved in arresting these men single-handed, and I wish to commend him for his conduct.

His Lordship—Has he been a soldier?

Interpreter—He has been a warder in gaol.

His Lordship—Well, he behaved very well.

One prisoner, who had been banished from the Colony twice, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour, and the second to five years' hard labour.

## THE CHARGE AGAINST AN AMERICAN.

WARRIEN RE-ARRESTED.

The American who gave his name as Charles Frederick White Warriener and who was acquitted by Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy on Wednesday on the charge of larceny as bailee of \$318, the money of Esther Rubinstein, the wife of a hairdresser at Simla, was arrested yesterday at the instance of the same complainant, who charged him with obtaining twenty dollars gold.

Warriener was brought before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy in the afternoon.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Russ appeared for the defence.

Mr. Bowley in his opening statement said he would ask his Worship to review his decision in the last case, and said that he was prepared to prove that the statement made on oath by the defendant at the last hearing was a tissue of lies. The present charge was that the defendant on the 5th inst. obtained twenty dollars gold from the complainant under false pretences. He said that he had goods at Kowloon and he needed the money to transfer them to Hongkong.

Mr. Russ contended that it was unconstitutional to re-try an acquitted man. His Worship said he could see no harm

## HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, June 26th.

## Y.M.C.A. AND THE FAR EAST.

The Y.M.C.A. is worried about the morals of the young men east of Suez. They have been holding a British Conference in Manchester and Major Frank Young, R.A., presented a report on the problem of how to deal with the young men of the Orient. The report stated that many foreigners, men of European and American birth, in business or seeking a livelihood in an Eastern land, become stranded in the Orient. They are subjected to the ever-increasing temptations of drink, gambling and impurity. On arrival in the East those who should be able to act as advisers to the young stranger only too often treat moral conduct from the very lightest point of view, representing to the newcomer the dangerous theory that the morality of the East and West must of necessity vary, leading the young man to treat his new found liberty as licence. Young men in the East, the report proceeded, usually have means and leisure at their disposal. The young men of the better classes are encouraged by the existing social system to get into debt. The tropical conditions prevailing in most large centres are conducive to drink and favour its attendant vices, while contact with a non-Christian people, differing in race, colour, standard of ethics and outlook on the commonest details of life, tend to looseness of morality. According to the Manchester papers Mr. J. L. McPherson of Hongkong went still more into detail. He said that an earnest Christian doctor out there once advised young men that it would be necessary for them to indulge in strong drink to a certain extent, whilst one of the members of their association was told by a doctor in Hongkong that he would have to live an immoral life. "I am glad to say," he continued, "that the young man said he would leave his business and come home. He came home and is now in Manchester." Every temptation to which a man was subjected in England he was subjected to out there more fiercely, and they should do all they possibly could to warn young men what life was like in the Far East. Other speakers referred to the conditions prevailing in India, Egypt and Africa, one delegate declaring that Englishmen dropped the Ten Commandments overboard when they left Port Said—many of them even before they got to Port Said.

## SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.

Sir Frederick Lugard was a prominent figure at the thirteenth annual dinner of the Corona Club, and Mr. Harcourt, the Colonial Secretary, made him a specially complimentary reference in the course of his speech. No West African official, he said, would be there without turning a friendly and perhaps anxious eye upon the figure of Sir Frederick Lugard. It had been his good fortune to persuade and to assist Sir Frederick to return to his early love. He would find it grown out of all recollection, but he did not think the obesity of success would check the ardour of his renewed embrace. Sir Frederick was going out to amalgamate the two Nigerias. That was not an easy task unless all were prepared to work for the common good. Incidentally the Colonial Secretary mentioned that the Gold Coast now produces more cocoa than any other country in the world, while the general revenue was mounting very rapidly.

## THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF KNIGHTS BACHELORS.

The Society of Knights Bachelor, or as it is now called by royal permission, "The Imperial Society of Knights," held their second annual dinner the other night at the Savoy Hotel, and there were sundry Far Eastern knights present. This curious society has for its president—I beg his pardon, Knight President—Sir Henry Pellatt, but as he was away in Canada, the vice-president, Sir Boverton Redwood, welcomed a gathering of men most of whom had done something to render them personally worthy of the handle to their names. Some present came by their titles by inheritance, but most had to win them by hand or brain. There were mayors, business magnates, politicians, lawyers, men of science, administrators, men of all professions and general merit. Sir Charles Dudgeon was there, Sir Thomas Dewar, Sir John Stanley, Sir Walter Wragg, Sir C. Smith and a host of others known in many lands. Sir William Bull, registrar of the Society of Knights, was presented with an equestrian statuette of a knight in armour in recognition of his services to the organisation, and a similar one will be sent to Sir Henry Pellatt, who gave £7,000 to enable the Society to find its present appropriate home in Clifford's Inn. It was incidentally mentioned that

## THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

[FROM NORTHERN PAPERS.]

## CHEFOO QUEUE CUTTING.

CHEFOO, July 12th. The queue-cutting campaign, which started as a joke, is assuming a serious aspect as the soldiers are cutting queues off indiscriminately, even the Chinese employed by the German Consulate not being spared. Telegrams have been forwarded to the Legations and the Government stating that immediate action is necessary to avert a collision between the soldiers and the populace.

## TUNGMEINGHUI OBSTRUCTION.

PEKING, July 13th. The members of the Cabinet, who belong to the Tungmenghui, are again voicing their determination to resign. A member of the Party states that four more members will replace those resigning from the Cabinet and thus the Party will secure eight experienced members of the Cabinet ready, at a later date, to form a Tungmenghui Cabinet.

## MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

It is semi-officially stated, that the resignations of Hsuing Hsi-ling, Sung Chai-chen, Tsai Yuen-pei, Wang Chung-hui and Wang Chao-tung have been accepted. It is reported that Chao Ping-tsun will conduct the Ministry of Finance temporarily while Hsuing Hsi-ling, Chou Tsai-chi, Chen Chia-tao and Chang-chien, if the latter accept, will form a committee to deal with foreign loans.

Shen Ping-chun will become Minister of Commerce and Industry, Hui-yin Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and Sun Yu-yun or Yen-shui Minister of Education.

It is understood that, to-morrow, the National Council will be asked to approve the appointment of Hu Wei-te as Minister of Communications.

## THE LOAN COMMITTEE.

It is officially announced that the Loan Committee will consist of the Premier, Lu Cheng-shiang, Hsuing Hsi-ling, and Chou Tsai-chi, who, later, will become Minister of Finance.

## DEATH OF AN UNDER-SECRETARY.

The death is announced of Wu Chen, Under Secretary of State for the Interior.

## MINES IN HUPEI.

In official circles it is not believed that the Hupei Provincial Assembly have passed a resolution that they will resume possession of the Han-yang-Taiyeh Mine, as such action would be of considerable seriousness and the matter is too great for the Assembly to settle off-hand.

Moreover, the Japanese, who are interested to the extent of Y. 10,000,000, possess export concessions covering a period of thirty years, and therefore such a resumption of ownership would be a matter of international interest, as the supply of iron from the properties under notice is most important to Japan.

## PROVINCIAL DISTURBANCE.

Reports from Hunan state that minor disturbances continue in several districts. Disturbances are reported in Kiangsi.

## FLOODS IN FUKIEN.

The Tutuh of Fukien reports that floods have caused considerable losses of lives and property. The Government have promised assistance.

## DEATH OF A HUNAN OFFICIAL.

CHANGSHA, July 13th. The death is announced of the provincial Tunge (1), Hung Yung-chi, of typhoid fever.

He was a native of Ninsing and spent seven years in Japan studying at the Meiji University. He returned to Changsha where he taught law. He was the foremost Komingtung official in Changsha.

The funeral will take place at Yolu-shan, across the river.

## THE WUHU CUSTOMS.

WUHU, July 13th. The Customs site, which has been a matter for dispute for many years, has been practically settled.

## HONAN LOOTERS.

PEKING, July 14th. Reports received from Honan state that 4,000 soldiers, carrying loot, have retreated to the mountains.

## DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION.

PEKING, July 15th. The Russian Minister has complained to the Waichiaopu to-day that 100 Musulmans, Russian subjects, were murdered three weeks ago at Cherah, near Khotan, and he demanded compensation and the punishment of the offenders.

According to Russian reports the Chinese official at Cherah demanded that the leading inhabitants of the town should pay personal visits to his yamen. The Musulmans objected and, afterwards, congregated at the house of Said Effendi, their chief. A crowd of Chinese there, upon collected and surrounded the house. Said Effendi ordered them to disperse, but the crowd shouted their defiance. He then fired a revolver and wounded one of the Chinese in the crowd, which then attacked and set fire to the house. Said Effendi escaped in the confusion and reached Kashgar. In view of Russia's recent Note to the effect that unless

## FUNDS FROM WITHIN.

PEKING, July 15th. The Tutuh of the Province have replied to Hsuing Hsi-ling, Minister of Finance, that they consider his action in refusing the terms offered by the foreign bankers is deserving of the country's gratitude and that it is necessary that the funds required should be provided domestically.

The opinion is gaining ground that the retirement of those members of the Cabinet who belong to the Tungmenghui and the formation of a financial committee foreshadow the resumption of negotiations with the international group of bankers.

## PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Chinese Press states that the Government have received the following remittances:—

	Tls.
Honan, Hunan and Kirin each	500,000
Shengking and Chengtu each	500,000
Kwangtung and Chungking each	1,000,000
Nanchang, Yunnan, Kweichow each	200,000
Hailungkiang	150,000
Canton Chamber of Commerce	150,000
or upwards of Tls. 5,000,000 in all.	

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report dated July 19th state:—

The local market has ruled considerably quieter during the past week, and with the exception of an advance in China Sugars rates remain at about last week's level. London "Rubbers" show a slight improvement on the week with Fine Hard Para Rubber quoted at 4/10 per lb. sellers. At the fortnightly auction of Plantation Rubber held in London on the 17th instant, 500 tons of smoked and un-smoked sheet were sold at prices ranging between 4/10 and 5/11 per lb. the tone of the auction being firm. Discount rates are unchanged at 3 per cent. for both the Bank of England and open market. Bar Silver closes dull at 27½d. per oz. ready, 28d. forward, and Sterling T.T. at 1/11 13-16d. Shanghai T.T. has improved to 7½. Consols are now quoted at 74.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai are again quoted privately from London at 88½ 10s. 0d., the last rate per "Reuter" being 88½. Locally the market is more or less nominal at 88½, with probable buyers at the rate and small sellers at 88½.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continue neglected with sellers at 8800 and small buyers at 8750. North Chinas have sellers in Shanghai at Tls. 135. Cantons after further small sales at 835 have advanced to 837½ with sales, and more are wanted. Yangtzes and China Traders are unchanged and without local business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have been booked at 82 and 835 and at the close a small lot is probably obtainable at slightly under the latter rate. Chinas continue in request at 813, but no shares are available under an advance.

STRENGTH.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao continue in request at 827, and Indos can be placed at 870 after sales at 860 and 871. China and Manilas are quiet at 80, and Douglases at 827, the latter being obtainable at quotation. Star Ferrys are wanted at 838 and 850 for the old and new issues respectively, and Shell Transports for London account at 103½.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars after further sales at 8109 have advanced without business to 8112 buyers, and a higher rate would probably be paid for a moderate quantity. Luzons are neglected at 832½ with buyers at 829.

MIXING.—Trancohs have ruled quiet with a small business passing at about 72½, the closing rate from London being 72½ (middle price). Beawoods have sold, and more can be placed at 4½. Raabs have advanced to 34 with sales, and Chinese Engineerings to 35½ (middle price) or dividend.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks after sales at 819 are weaker with sellers at 818. Kowloon Wharves have advanced to 863, and close steady. New Amoy Docks are quoted at 80½, Shanghai Docks at Tls. 50, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 93.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are unchanged with buyers at 8105 and sellers at 8100. Kowloon Lands continue in request at 834 and West Points at 856, but again no sales are reported. Hongkong Hotels have been booked at 8113 (old) and 875 (new), and more shares are wanted. Humphreys Estates can be placed at 87½ but at 88 there are sellers.

COTTON MILLS.—Exos have advanced in the North to Tls. 96. Hongkongs can still be obtained at 85.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos are slightly better with buyers at 83½. Green Island Cements have been booked at 841 and 841½ closing with buyers at 841. China Lights have been done at 82½. Watsons at 85, and Steam Laundries at 85½. There are buyers of Ropes at 819½. Asbestos at 85. Ices are procurable at 82½, and Peak Trams (old) at 81½.

LONDON QUOTATIONS.—The following quotations (middle price) were received from London by wire to-day:—United Serdangs ..... 103/9 Sanyons ..... 25/- London Asiatics ..... 9/9 E. & L. Trusts ..... 15/3 Rubber Trusts ..... 8/3 premium. Trancohs ..... 72/3 Hongkong Electric Trams. 4/1 Shell Transports ..... 105/- Chinese Engineerings ..... 35/- ex div. Indo-Chinas ..... 140/- London Ventures ..... 1/- Pahang Consolidateds ..... 9/-

## GREAT FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

TAIKOO GODOWN DESTROYED.

One of the most destructive fires that has occurred for a long time in Shanghai took place on Sunday morning, when one of the large godowns of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire in the French Concession was completely gutted and its contents, cargo worth thousands of tons, destroyed.

The godown in question, says the N.C. Daily News, was situated on the French Bund, immediately to the south of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's long building, with the water-tower on its other side. It was a very fine building, comparatively new, with an internal steel structure. In all its five storeys cargo was stored, in fact the building was practically full, but by the time the fire had done its work all had been consumed, the roof and floors had given way, and all that remained were the walls, the steel-work and for many hours glowing masses of merchandise on the ground floor.

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE. The fire was discovered shortly before 5 a.m. by the watchmen of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and within a minute or two the members of the staff who have quarters in the long building were apprised of the occurrence. No time was lost in sending messages to the Fire Brigade, and in the meantime the two lines of hose on the premises were run out, and the utmost was done to keep the fire down. It seems to have broken out on the top story, about the south-western corner where paper and tobacco are believed to have been stored, and it must be beyond doubt that long before the appearance of smoke and flames through the roof announced the existence of a blaze, the cargo had been smouldering. By the time it was discovered the fire had a terrific hold, and in the case of a godown, when once the contents are alight, it is well-nigh impossible to save the place.

Upon receipt of the alarm the French Brigade turned out quickly, and the men set to work upon every side. Water was pumped from the river, and streams from every hydrant were directed on the flames, but little could be done. To start with, an escape had been run up close to the wall, but so intense was the heat that the woodwork at the top began to smoulder, and the ladders had to be lowered and dragged back. At another place, when within ten yards of the godown, the ladders again threatened to catch fire, and with the roof in flames, and all the metal shutters of the windows becoming white-hot, it was impossible to approach near to the building.

## ASSISTANCE TO THE FIREMEN.

With the interior of the building now a furnace, the danger to the surrounding property was great, and to cope with any possible extension, it was decided to call upon the Brigade of the International Settlement to stand by. Gear from the Central Station was sent to the spot, and for two or three hours the firemen assisted their French confrères in the arduous task before them. It was a wise measure to augment the forces, for attention was required for surrounding buildings, on which it was necessary to keep streams playing. At the same time the ships in the vicinity had their crews at work, flushing the deck for fear of sparks causing an outbreak. In the course of the morning a number of Japanese sailors arrived upon the scene, but their services were not required.

Towards six o'clock the first portion of the roof fell in, and as time wore on the different floors collapsed and gradually the fire burnt down to the ground floor. The walls had stood wonderfully well, showing comparatively few signs of buckling, and the firemen were able to carry on their work under them with little danger of a collapse. By nine o'clock the danger to surrounding property had passed, but the firemen had to keep playing on the interior, which still burnt, showing a fierce glow through the windows and air holes. This necessitated the presence of the Brigade for a considerable time afterwards.

At present it is impossible to state the amount of damage which has been caused by the fire, as it will take some time to work it out. It is believed, however, that everything is covered by insurance.

## FOREIGN TRADE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

INCREASE OF 30,000,000 PESOS.

As foreseen by careful observers of local trade conditions, says the Manila Times, Philippine foreign trade for the fiscal year closing June 30th, broke all records, reaching the total of 209,739,816 pesos, the largest figure ever attained by imports and exports, and an increase over the record figures of last year of 30,514,930 pesos. Long continued drought, the sugar crisis and other fetiches of calamity hitherto, to the contrary notwithstanding, the fiscal year, 1911-12, stands out as the brightest in the commercial history of the Philippines. In imports, trade increased by 9,432,516 pesos while the increase in exports amounted to 21,082,414 pesos. The total of exports was 109,699,900 pesos. Both figures have never before been equalled in the trade history of the islands. Last year's unfavourable trade balance of more than 20,000,000 pesos has been cut down by 11,000,000 pesos, although the islands imported more than they exported.

Of the increase of 30,000,000 pesos in foreign trade, trade with the United States accounts for 7,000,000 pesos, five and a half millions of this being accounted for by an increased exportation to the homeland.

## THE PORTUGUESE NAVY.

The Finance Committee appointed by Parliament to study the proposals for the reorganization of the Navy has presented its report to the House of Deputies. It recommends an expenditure of £1,298,000 on the purchase of six destroyers of 800

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*Home University Library of Modern Knowledge.* London: WILLIAMS & NORGATE.

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This Library is proving a great success, and although it is understandable that some of the volumes must have a more restricted field than others we are not astonished to learn that some are already sold out. In themselves, the volumes are attractive. They have not the repellent look of encyclopaedias. They are clearly printed, they are handy in size and may be taken up at any spare moment, and they are excellently written by clever experts. We welcome the opportunity of once more recommending them to our readers.

*The Spell of the Lotus.* By D. H. DENNIS. London: John Long, Ltd.

We, in the East, are in a position to appreciate this story, especially those of us who have seen Japan and know something of its witchery and fascination. In this story the hero very unheroically leaves his sweetheart in England, goes to Japan in the interests of silk, and comes under the spell of the country to such an extent that he takes a Japanese girl to wife and becomes a naturalised subject of Dai Nippon. His English sweetheart, having been forced by circumstances into an uncongenial marriage, divorces her husband, and finally visits Japan in the hope of seeing the lover of her youth, of whom she is as fond as ever. The author makes his reader feel the "spell of the lotus." The heroine's visit to Japan awakens old desires in her lover, the more so that his Japanese wife has passed from youth to old age in the short space of ten years, and an exciting struggle between the various parties to retain their hold on the hero ends in his leaving the Island Kingdom with his first love. Purists may find it hard to approve of the man's action in deserting his wife and children, but the race instinct and knowledge of the East will agree that no other solution was possible in the circumstances.

*Anna Strelitz.* By LOW LATHES. London: John Long & Company.

This is one of the best novels which has reached our hands in recent years. It is powerfully written, and, unlike the modern novel, does not attempt the spicy. In the best sense of the word it is a good book. "Anna Strelitz" deals with certain aspects of Jewish life and character, showing the tendency of the modern Jews to depart from a religion which they have ceased to understand. The heroine is a Jewess, who has become converted to Christianity. She falls in love with Henri Lion, a Jewish journalist, who in seeking for the truth is found by her in a frame of mind which is decidedly agnostic. However, fearing that her love for him makes her think less of her God she puts him away, and he goes back into his former darkness. Circumstances shape themselves whereby he is brought into a Christian environment and he accepts Christianity as the completion of Judaism. When he returns to the girl's home in order to claim his birthright from a father who had left him in early years, he offers to address the assembled Jews on the reasons for his conversion, but the meeting is disorderly and dangerous. A stone hits him on the temple and he is taken to his father's house and to his love, only to die. The scenes in the book are most dramatic and the novel is one that will impress readers.

*The Spindle.* By ELIZABETH HARRIS. London: John Long, Ltd.

This is a book with a hero and heroine, with the heroine, Clemency O'Flinn, the bigger hero of the two. Her unselfish life and final supreme sacrifice fills the reader with admiration and sympathy, and one lays aside the book almost with a sigh. Incidentally, the story tells the habits and customs of the people of Barnister, a sleepy seacoast town which to the reader, nevertheless, seems wide-awake enough at times as denunciation follows denunciation. The author writes with a pen dipped in satire when she describes the "society" of Barnister, of which the Duke of Marlborough is the head. Altogether the book is distinctly readable, and may be classed as one of the best novels of the season.

*The Shadow of the Guillotine.* By SCOTT GRIMES. London: John Long, Limited.

As the little suggests, this is a tale of the days of the French Revolution, and naturally enough there is plenty of moving incident and excitement. The story is admirably told, and may not inaptly be compared with Baroness Orczy's famous "Scarlet Pimpernel." It is a book which ought to be popular.

*Sport and the Woman.* By CAMDELL RAE BROWN. London: John Long, Ltd.

This is a decidedly modern novel. It is a picture of to-day, and though it follows the conventional style, it possesses a vigour which is quite distinctive. In this story the bold bad persons are not incorrigible, and the last page is reached with the hero and heroine happily united and the wicked characters so much reformed that they are almost lovable. This "sporting" element in the book is well presented and is indeed its most attractive feature.

*At the Court of H. Morn.* By L. M. STAPPOLE KENNY. London: John Long, Ltd.

This story, with its medieval Italian setting, has an English hero, a man who bears himself with the traditional bravery and "straightness" of the Anglo-Saxon and scenes of Italian intrigue. He loves the daughter of a noble Italian house, who tries to free herself from what she feels is a hereditary deceitfulness and treachery, and the narrative of how they were parted and eventually brought together, interspersed with glowing pictures of contemporary Italian life, is intensely interesting.

*Chicane.* By OLIVER SANDYS. London: John Long, Ltd.

It is a compliment to the authoress that she compels the reader by the powerful manner in which she tells her story to sympathise with two ladies—we could hardly call them heroines—who "live on their wits." This means, of course, that their method of earning a livelihood was very questionable, but as they are not really bad the reader cannot withhold his regard and admiration for the astuteness and cleverness and daring displayed by the ladies in carrying out their policy of Chicane. However, the younger one is claimed by a lover, who himself has had an experience, and while the reader is glad to learn that she is safe in the haven of matrimony, he or she is delighted that the master mind of the two is happily situated by an appointment in Scotland Yard. "Chicane" is certainly a book worth reading.

*The Blue Talisman.* By FERDUS HUME. London: T. Werner Laurie.

Not even the reputation of the author of "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab" is sufficient to carry to success this very mediocre story. Unconvincing characters, impossible situations and stilted dialogue are too much for the ingenuity of the plot. We cannot believe that the British authorities could have been in ignorance of the double identity of Paul Merker, and while the author makes a good point in emphasising the "whiteness" of the black man and the "blackness" of the white, we find it difficult to accept either as true to life. Readers who are fond of crude thrills may find a pleasure in following the fortunes of the blue talisman, but we must confess we found the story somewhat tiresome.

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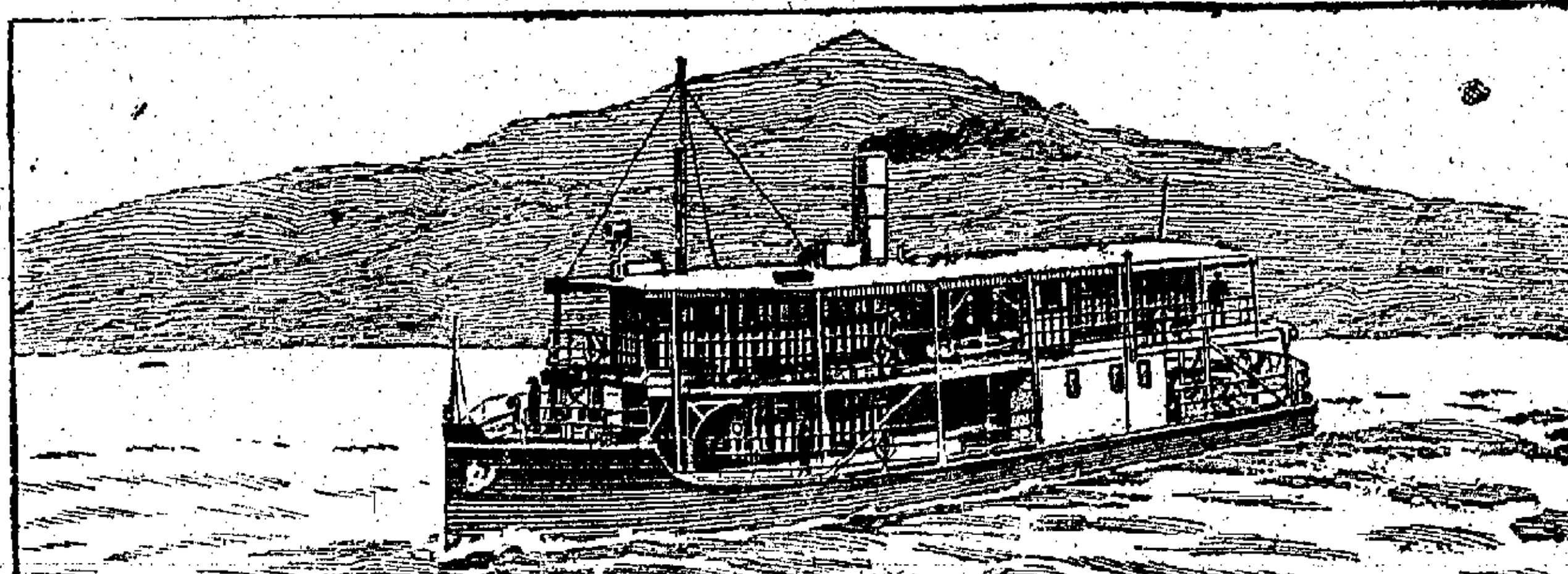
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## CHAPTER III.

ON BOARD THE "SEAMEW."

All day long the white *Seamew* rode at anchor on the sapphire and untroubled waters of Zeyran Cove. Boats went backwards and forwards to the shore, the little village pursued the even tenor of its life, the sun beat down with mid-summer radiance and the sickle pinioned sea birds swept leisurely round the fishing boats and the graceful yacht.

Mr. John Saltus, the owner of the *Seamew*, was a short, fat, clean-shaven man of some fifty years of age, his hair was iron grey, his face, when in repose, not unlike that of the first Napoleon, though the eyes were not so keen, nor the expression so alert.

Mr. Saltus was a very wealthy man indeed, a bachelor, well-known in London society. He had a certain celebrity, partly owing to his collection of antique vases—which was unsurpassed by any other private collector in Europe—principally owing to his wonderful knowledge of eating and drinking. Mr. Saltus was a gourmet and a gourmand. His chef, Antonio Pozzi, was renowned in two hemispheres. His little dinners were feasts which would not have shamed Lucullus. The shades of Vatel, Soyer and Careme were said to haunt his kitchen.

About twelve o'clock in the morning, neatly dressed in a blue serge coat and waistcoat, irrefragable white ducks, and a yachting cap, Mr. Saltus was strolling through the village towards the villa occupied by Mrs. Morduant, and her uncle, the Rev. Hildebrand Finch.

He had come up to the house, when from the front door, their hats in their hands, and their faces suffused with pleased good humour, came two men in the uniform of prison warders. Mr. Finch, the grey-headed old clergyman, and his niece, Mrs. Morduant, stood upon the steps for a moment, talking to the men. Mr. Saltus walked up the little drive, and saluted his friends.

"My dear John," said the clergyman, "Whatever do you think has happened?—these two gentlemen have just told us that a convict has escaped from the prison at Marshmoor."

"Good gracious!" Mr. Saltus replied, looking with a surprised face at the warders. "That is a very rare occurrence, surely?"

"It is, sir," one of the men said, "and the curious thing is the convict has not left a trace. We are scouring all the country. I have just been telling his Reverence and the lady how it happened. It was at the station when a gang were being entrained for Parkhurst Prison, to where they were to be removed."

"Yes," Mrs. Morduant broke in, "and you know, John, the exciting thing is that I actually saw them—the convicts, I mean—and so did Uncle. It was when we went to see Reggie Fairfax off at the station. It seems that some confederate or other lit some gunpowder or something, and made a great smoke, under cover of which the man got away. Curiously, as we drove off from the station in the motor, we thought we heard a bang, a noise like an explosion, as we turned into the Moor Road, but I thought it was simply something to do with the soldiers in the manoeuvres."

"Then it only happened a few hours ago?" Mr. Saltus said enquiringly to the warders.

"That is all, sir," they replied. "Well, I must say," Mr. Saltus said with a smile, "you do not lose any time. Have you any reason to expect he is anywhere round here?"

"Oh, no, sir," one of the warders replied, "that is not possible. It is twelve miles from Marshmoor Station to here, and he would have had to have passed the prison and the quarry, unless he made a detour over the Moor of nearly twenty miles. No, we have simply come to warn the coast-guard to be on the lookout and the inhabitants of the village. If the man is not recaptured at once, he very likely may try and strike this part of the coast. We have just been detailed to warn all the fishermen."

"Quite so," said Mr. Saltus, "I see. Well, I am sure everyone will be on the alert. Where are you going next?"

"To Portheadwin, sir," the warder answered. "It is the next fishing village, about five miles over the Moor over the sea, and it will be a very hot walk for you."

Mr. Saltus answered, "It will, indeed, sir," they replied ruefully.

"Look here, then," said the yachtman, "I will tell you what I will do if you like. I am going aboard my yacht again now, and I will send the motor boat ashore, and it will take you to Portheadwin in half an hour by sea, and save the walk. I am not weighing anchor till this evening."

The little man's face beamed with good humour, and the warders accepted the offer with profuse thanks.

"Right O!" said Mr. Saltus, turning away. "I will see to it at once if you'll be down at the beach in five minutes, and I do not suppose that if you find a few bottles of beer off the ice in the stern of the boat that you will refuse to open them."

In ten minutes more, Mr. Saltus was aboard the motor boat, he had kicked its way from the yacht to the beach, the warders had entered it, and the long speedy boat was cutting through the waters towards the west, leaving a long trail of foam behind it.

It was about seven o'clock that evening, when long shafts of gold and crimson painted the still floor of the sea with splendour, that the anchor chain of the *Seamew* rattled on the little steam winch, the siren hooted like a brazen bull, and started a hundred shrieking sea birds from the cliffs, and the graceful boat moved away, out into the broad, golden path of the sunset.

The whole day long, in a tiny cabin, which opened out of the saloon, through a door in the panelling, which was absolutely concealed from the ordinary eye, and of which only one or two people

knew the secret, Arthur Hughes had slept soundly. He had been given some beef tea by the young doctor aboard the yacht, and after it, a sleeping draught, so when evening in their painted robes, like a shy novice about to take the veil of night, had fallen over the sea, he at last awoke, the little cabin, which was almost entirely taken up by the bed upon which he lay, was full of faint grey light. There was a slight movement which told him that the yacht was at sea, and he heard the throbbing, and felt the faint vibration of the powerful turbine engine amidship.

He lay upon his back with a sense of rest and peace, which he had not known—so it seemed to him—for many years. He was drowsy still, but with a pleasant and comfortable drowsiness. He thought neither of the past nor of the future in this moment of intense physical and mental relief. He only felt very hungry.

It was about half-past eight when the door of his cabin quietly slid aside, and Mr. Saltus entered, and turned up the electric light.

The little man sat down upon the bed, and patted Arthur affectionately upon the arm.

"All is well," he said. "As far as we know, not the slightest suspicion of your whereabouts is in the mind of the authorities. We are in constant touch with Cornwall, and everything has gone off without a single hitch. I have friends everywhere in the prison district. Cypher telegrams have been despatched from London on various parts every hour since your escape. They have been sent back to the Marconi station at Poldhu, and we are picking them up here constantly by our wireless telegraphy installation on board the yacht. You can make your mind quite easy, the first stage, the first act in the drama, is over."

Arthur caught him by the hand. "Sir," he said, "I have no words in which to thank you. Words do not come easily to me after my long solitude at Marshmoor. I shall be able to thank you by and by. I know that you and my father, my poor dear father, were old friends, and, of course, I have met you at his house, and once or twice I have had the honour of dining with you in Berkeley Square, but how many friends would have done this, exposed themselves to such enormous risks?"

"Never mind, never mind, Arthur," Mr. Saltus answered in a soothing voice as if he were speaking to a child. "When you are a little stronger and better—to-night perhaps—there is very much that you must hear and know. I said just now that the curtain had fallen upon the first act of the drama. It must rise again. Arthur, upon other facts, and upon a drama which is as strange and terrible, which promises to be as stern and mysterious as anything the human mind can conceive. It is owing to this fact that for many months I have been perfecting the vast and secret organization which has been necessary for your release. Your friend Jim Morduant and his wife, old Mr. Finch, and various other devoted helpers, have been working ceaselessly to this end. The minutest details have been studied; large sums have been spent, but all this has been with the greatest pride and gladness, and it is all a means towards an end so vast and important that even your release, my dear boy, is only a part in it—though the most integral part of all. I am going to send someone to you now whom you have already met. The little foreign-looking gentleman who made you up as you are now, a swarthy seaman, who provided the wonderful wig and beard, which one of my friends wore at the station, and which were put upon you in the smoke, is no other than Mr. Willy himself."

Arthur started. In common with all the rest of the world, the name of the famous perquiquier and theatrical costumer of Leicester Square was familiar to him. He realised perhaps more than that single fact than from any other, how complete were the arrangements of his friend.

"Mr. Willy," Mr. Saltus continued, "will take off this beard and stain upon your skin. When you are yourself again he will shave you, and help you to dress in clothes that are provided, which you will wear for the next two or three days, until your arrival in London."

"London?" Arthur said with eyes starting from his head.

"Yes, London," Mr. Saltus replied, "but you will again be a different person in appearance when you reach London, and commence with me the great work of your own rehabilitation, bringing to justice a person who, it is not too much to say, is, perhaps, the most criminal, the most dangerous and cunning brain of our modern life. But I am anticipating. You will change and restore yourself to your comforts as I say, and then I have arranged that you and Mariel shall dine alone together, for you will have much to say to each other."

"At midnight, when all is still, and we are far out at sea, for we are now steaming slowly in the direction of Cape Finistere, you and I will go on deck, and there, under the moon, away from all prying ears, I will tell you such a story as will make your blood run cold, and your heart leap with eagerness for the work you have to do."

At a little after nine, bathed, the prison scrub removed from lips and chin, in an ordinary suit of evening clothes, and a dinner jacket—how good it was to wear the clothes of a free man and a gentleman again!—Arthur sat at a little table in the saloon with Mariel. She was a tall girl with a heavy mass of dark red hair coiled in a shining coronet round her small oval face. The head was beautifully poised upon a slender neck, round which hung a single row of pearls—a gift of Arthur's in the old happy days.

—the deep blue eyes under the finely pencilled brows of black were twin wells of Love and Sympathy, the perfect bow-shaped lips were parted, and trembled a little, as, in broken tones, the lean, worn, young man told her of the past horrors of his life. For the first time she heard of the long days of menial tasks and scanty food, the harsh orders, the degrading dress, the black and lonely midnight of the cell. And she knew—joy to her pain, her heart thrilled with— even to hear it, she knew that not for one moment she was absent from her own happy lover's thoughts, and she and she alone, was the one star in the blackness of his night.

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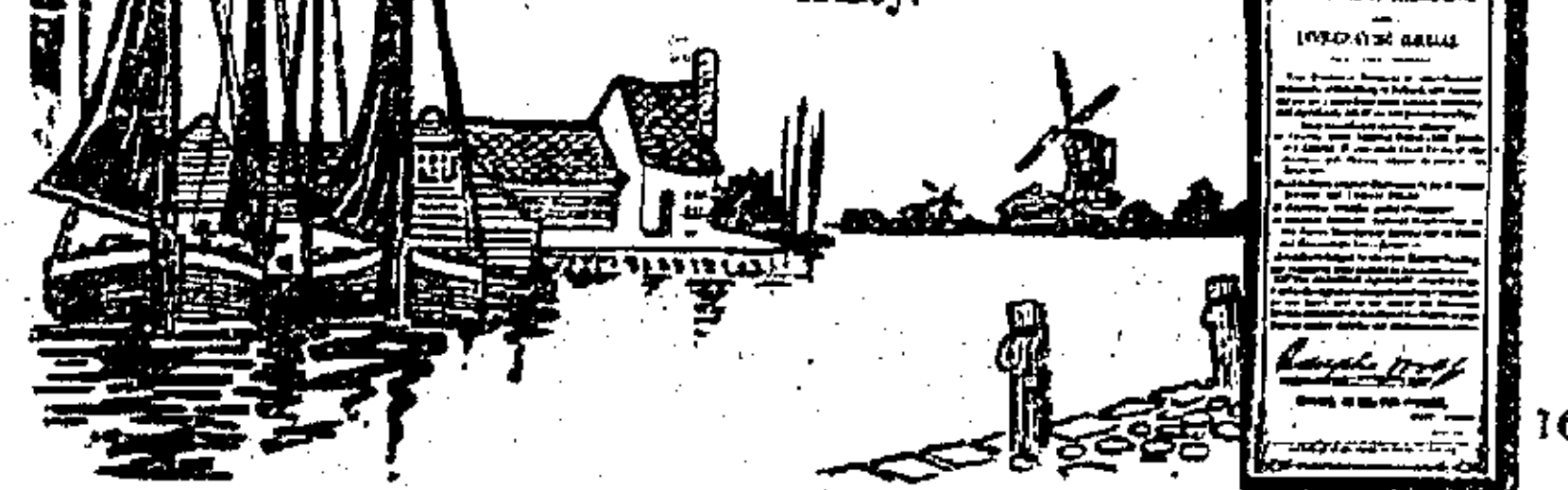
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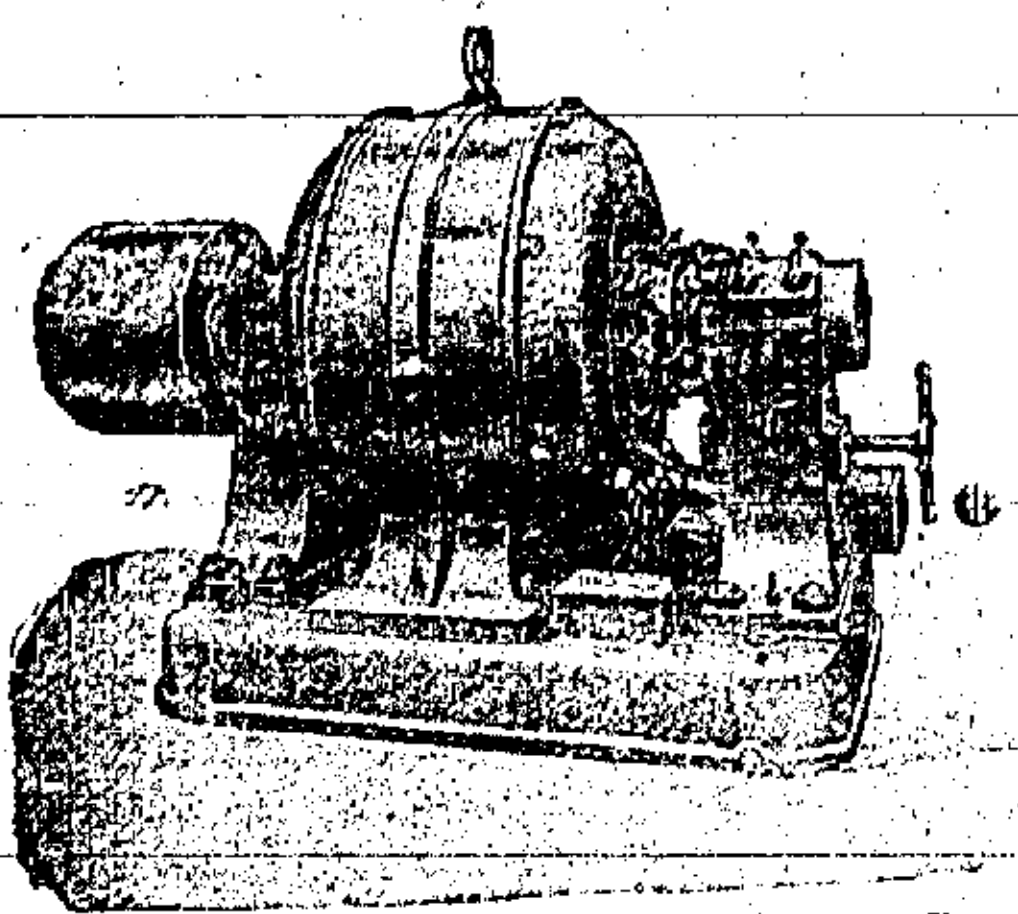
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FOR	PER	DATE
Amoy	Canton	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, and India via Calcutta	Yokohama	Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
SWAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE,		Saturday, 20th,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE,		Printed Matter and Sam-
EGYPT and EUROPE via BRINDISI		Registration... 10.15 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to Noon. Extra		Registration with late
Postage 10 cents).		fee of 10 cents up to
(Supplementary mail on board up to the		11.00 A.M.)
time fixed for departure of the mail		Registration, Kowloon
Extra Postage 10 cents)		R.O. 9.30 A.M.
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in time for the first clearance will be		Letters 11.00 A.M.
included in this contract mail.)		Saturday, 20th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Loansing	Saturday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Saturday, 20th, 2.00 P.M.
Japan via Kobe	Batavia	Saturday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Chihai	Saturday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Tientsin, Chifoo and Newchwang	Anhui	Saturday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Mochei	Saturday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Hankow	Lycemoo	Saturday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Petchaburi	Saturday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong and Pakhoi	Bentavara	Saturday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Hankow, Haiphong and Pakhoi	Singap	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Tamsui	Dayin Maru	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Hongkong	Wongboi	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Monday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, North China	Panama Maru	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C. and		Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Tacoma	Hangang	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	St. Albans	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand	Haiching	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Printed Matter and Sam-
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		fee of 10 cents up to
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		Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
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		Saturday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
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		Saturday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
		Saturday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 30th,
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## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

July 19th.	
ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	2/11 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months sight	2/11 1/2
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	250 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	250 1/2
ON DEMAND—	
On demand	200 1/2
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	48 1/2
Credits, at 60 days sight	49 1/2
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	148 1/2
Bank, on demand	148 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	148 1/2
Bank, on demand	148 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	73 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	74 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	97 1/2
ON MANILA—	
On demand—Pesos	97 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—	
On demand	97 1/2
ON BATAVIA—	
On demand	97 1/2
ON HANKOW—	
On demand	97 1/2
ON SAKSON—	
On demand	97 1/2
ON BANGKOK—	
On demand	97 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.00
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$32.27
SILVER, per oz.	\$27 1/2

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	per cent
Chinese	20 cents pieces
Chinese	10 " "
Hongkong	10 " "
Hankow	10 " "

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London	Shanghai
July 3rd.	July 20th.
July 6th.	July 22nd.

## SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 19TH JULY, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$825, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$1, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$24, sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$8
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 96
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5, sellers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$22
DOCKS AND WHARVES—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$62
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$58, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	\$61
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 50
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	30,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 93
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$4.10, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$22 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$113, buyers
Manila Metropolitan Hotel Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$74, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	P. 10	all	\$84
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$210, buyers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$191, buyers
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$237 1/2, sales
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$132, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$53.33	\$25	\$100
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$365
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	25	Tls. 135, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$80, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$195, Ex 75
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$106, sellers
Hampshire's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$50	all	\$7.35, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$34, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 86
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$56, buyers
Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Landbouw	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 63
MISCELLANEOUS—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$21	all	35, x. div.
Tromp Mining, Limited	160,000	\$21	all	72 1/2
Hoswood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	715,228	21	all	4, buyers
Bank Australia Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$4
Park Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$1, buyers
REFINERIES—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$112, buyers
Luon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$30, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$9
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$27, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	all	\$27, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	\$71, London
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$21	all	\$27.10s.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$105 1/2
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$38, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$30, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$7
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$4 buyers
A. N. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$5, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
Gande Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$33
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	12,000	\$10	all	\$10
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900	\$10	all	\$300
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	all	\$9, buyers

## Daily Wire

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1906	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

## TO-NIGHT

9 P.M.—Bandmann Opera Co. at the Theatre Royal—"Bole of New York."

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

5.30 P.M.—Lecture on Christian Science at the Theatre Royal.  
Wednesday, 24th July.  
12.30 P.M.—The Star Ferry Co., Ltd.  
Extraordinary General Meeting.  
Tuesday, 6th August:  
Noon—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. Ninety-Second Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting.

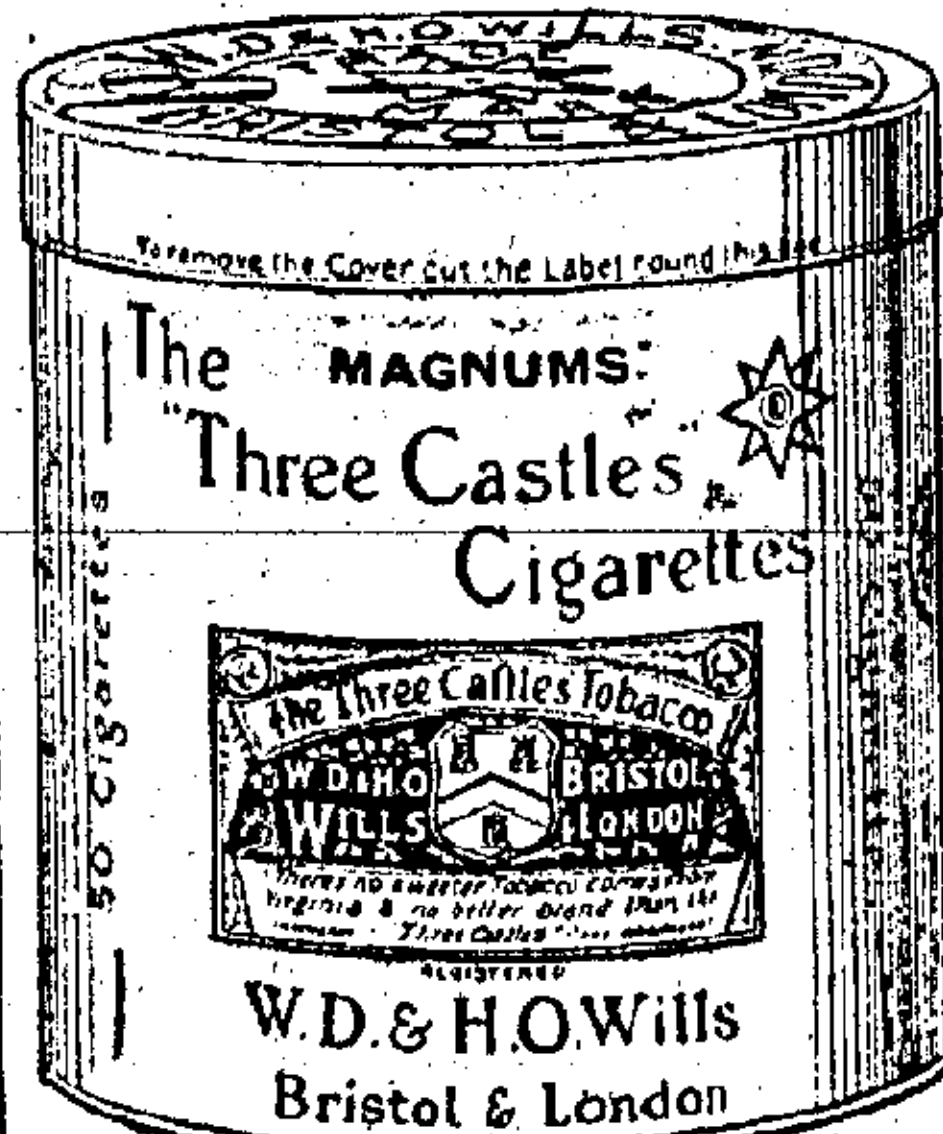
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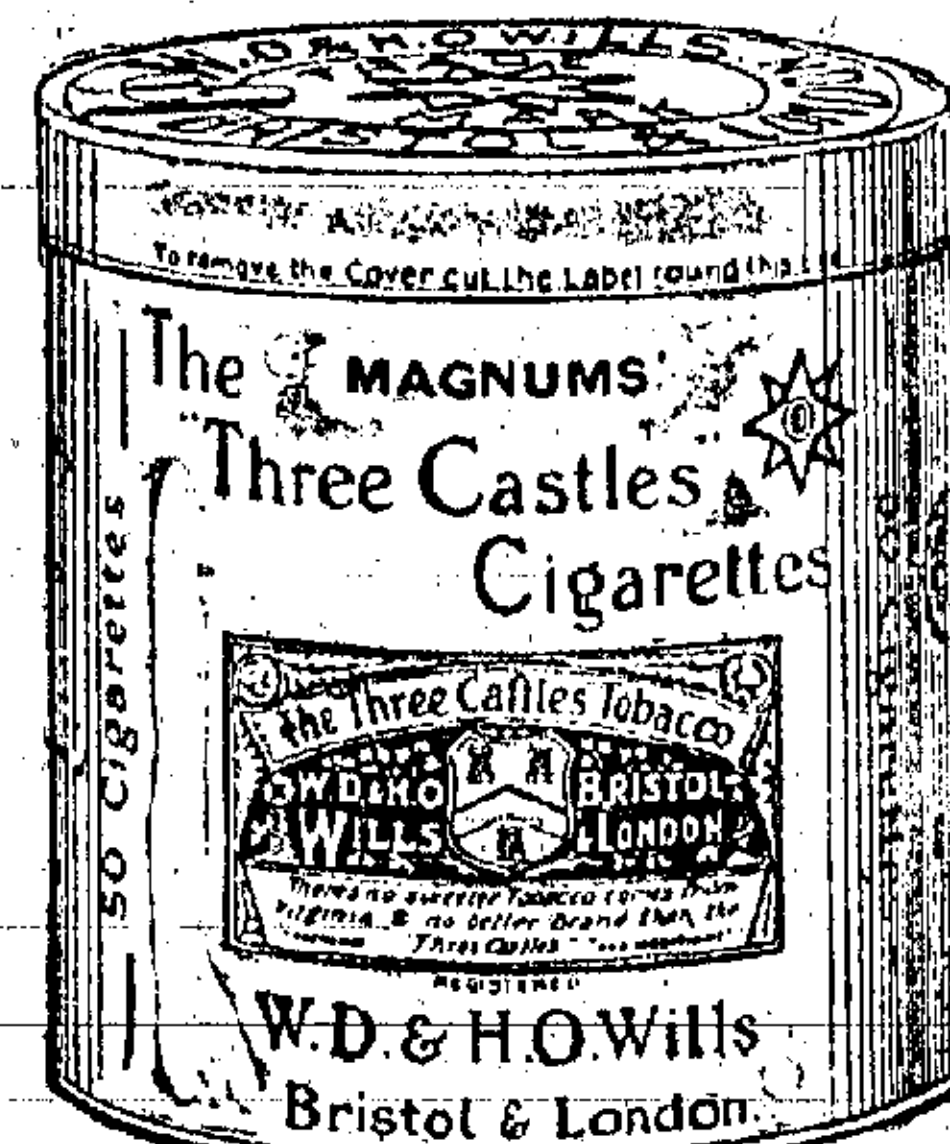


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